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1. In December 1953, there was created at the Konski Dol mines in Madan Okoliya an Administration Center to govern the communities of Konski Dol, Borieva, Dolna Petrovitsa, and Gorna Petrovitsa. The offices of the Center occupy a small wooden structure located on the Madan-Konski Dol road at the eastern limits of the Konski Dol mine.
2. The following persons work at the Center (Selski Naroden Sŭvet; People's Village Council):

a. Tudor Ginevskim Mayor

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b. Mata Ilieva

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a. Yordanka Georgieva

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b. Ivanka Khristova

c. A female clerk, name unknown.

Production at the Konski Dol Mines

3. The ore produced at the Konski Dol mines contains lead and zinc [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] There are two shafts at Konski Dol, the 25X1
"Gezinka" and the "Vertical Shaft." Quotas for the mine have been fixed at an
amount between 80 and 120 tons of ore daily; in no case can the production fall
below 80. The average output, as listed daily on a bulletin board in front of the
mess hall, is between 90 and 100 tons daily. The ore mined at the Konski Dol is
sent by cable to a flotation plant at Rudozem, from where it is transported by
truck to Kurdzhali for eventual shipment to the Soviet Union.

Cable Line to Rudozem

4. On 1 January 1954, a new cable line connecting the Borieva and Konski Dol mines
with the flotation plant at Rudozem, Iliadan Okoliya, was put into operation. Planning
and construction had been supervised by German specialists. The line operates on
a 24-hour basis and ships the entire ore production of the mines in the Konski
Dol area. Truck service, formerly in operation, has ceased entirely.
5. The cable line passes by loading stations of each of the mines, where the ore is
loaded on the small cars of the cable. The distance between the cars is about 100
meters. Each car has a capacity of 500 kilograms.
6. Electric power to run the cable originates at the Kurdzhali electric plant. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] on one occasion [redacted] when the electric current in the area failed 25X1
temporarily that the cable line also stopped. Workers load ore on the cable line
in three shifts. The loading stations are connected by telephone. 25X1

Medical Center for the Konski Dol and Borieva Mines

7. A 1-story building where an 8-bed medical center is located is situated approxi-
mately 150-200 meters from the Konski Dol mine, near the electric sub-station. Its
function is to render first aid when accidents occur in the mines and to take care of
other routine cases. Patients with more serious injuries are sent by ambulance to
Plovdiv.
8. Personnel at this center include:

a. Doctor Kukuchaev (fnu), head of the center

b. Chakurva (fnu), senior nurse

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c. Yordanka Zheleva, nurse

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d. Elena Dimitrova, servant

e. In addition to the above, a young female doctor (assigned at the end of December 1951), a male nurse, a "sister of charity" and two additional female servants were employed at the center.

Sabotage at Konski Dol Mine

9. During the fall of 1952, a 1-meter section of belt was cut (with a knife) from a pump in one of the shafts at the Konski Dol mine. The authorities did not determine who was the guilty person, but arrested Lilo (lno), a mine employee, on the charge of incompetence. He was tried at the Borieva mine and sentenced to one year in prison at Khaskovo.
10. During October 1953, the technical manager of the Konski Dol mine, Kovachev (lno), from Dupnitsa, was accused of "poor supervision" for not urging the workers to fulfill their daily norms for that month. He was later discharged.

Accidents in the Mining Basin

11. During the first week of October 1953, on two occasions, trucks carrying ore from Polna Petrovitsa mine to Borieva were involved in accidents. The drivers were killed. The reason given for the accidents was that the roads were in poor condition and dangerous.
12. During November 1953, on the road between Madan and Ardino, a Russian jeep overturned, killing its driver, Ivan (lno), a technician from the Borieva mine, and injuring three other passengers.
13. During December 1953, five workers in the mines were reportedly killed in falls and by exploding charges. Names or other details are not known.

Morals in the Mining Basin

14. Although cohabitation in Bulgaria is outlawed, its occurrence is frequent. Many unmarried women are bearing illegitimate children. [redacted] in 1952 and 1953, three unmarried girls at the Konski Dol mine bore illegitimate children. 25X1

[redacted] 25X1

At one time the State contributed 60,000 leva (oldtype) to assist in such cases,

15. There are about five active prostitutes at the Konski Dol and Borieva mines. They were paid amounts varying from 30 to 50 leva. 25X1

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16. Although abortions are unlawful, they are performed frequently. The fee for such operations is usually about 250 leva. [redacted] a Doctor Dukuchaev (fnu), assisted by a nurse Zkeleva (fnu), have performed abortions [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] A Doctor Kiriyakov (fnu), a staff member of the State Hospital in Madan, reportedly performed an abortion [redacted] 25X1

Militia Check Points

17. [redacted] two Militiamen checked identity documents of 25X1
travellers passing through the gate at the Moschilgrad railroad station.
18. Since August 1953, a Militiaman stationed at the end of the village of Ustovo on the road to Chepelare, Asenovgrad Okoliya, has checked the documents of all passing vehicles and pedestrians. The members of this check post occupy quarters located in the Ustovo cinema building.
19. Another check point is located near Srednogorts1 (N 43-33, E 24-56), Madan Okoliya. In August 1953, [redacted] a Militiaman standing in a small shelter at a 25X1
bridge near the flotation plant. The documents of vehicles and pedestrians were checked.
20. There is a check point about 100 meters south of Konski Dol in front of the electric sub-station on the new road connecting Konski Dol with Borieva, where two Militiamen check the documents of vehicles and pedestrians. People passing the point frequently and known to the Militiamen were allowed to pass unchecked.
1. [redacted] Comment: The figures shown here probably represent the percentage of the 25X1
quota fulfilled rather than the amount of ore produced.

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